The State Licensing Board for Residential and General Contractors met on March 26, 2008 at the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive in Macon, Georgia, for the purpose of conducting Board business.

#### **Members Present:**

Philip Thayer, Board Chairperson
Timothy Ansley
Bob Barnard
Steve Cash
David Cyr
Mark Herbert
Tommy Holder
Allen Richardson
Edward Strain, III
Morgan Wheeler

### **Members Absent:**

Hoppy Hopkins, Board Vice Chairperson Dan Cash Melissa Henderson Roger Huggins

At 9:06 a.m., Chairperson Thayer established that a quorum was present and called the meeting to order.

A motion was made by Tommy Holder, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Board voted unanimously to accept the March 5, 2008 full Board meeting minutes.

A motion was made by Steve Cash, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to accept the March 12, 2008 Residential Division Committee meeting minutes.

New Business items were discussed.

Tanja Battle announced that she will be stepping down as the Deputy Division Director and will be the Executive Director of the Residential and General Contractors Board.

Chairperson Thayer brought up the issue of whether or not general contractors building residential projects would be requiring the written warranty. Ms. Battle stated that the General Division could adopt a rule stating it would be unprofessional conduct to not provide a warranty, since general contractors do build residential houses. The Board will seek further advice from the Assistant Attorney General's office.

Ms. Battle stated that at the March 5, 2008 meeting the issue of reciprocity was discussed, and a motion was made for staff to send a letter to all states that have a formal licensing process, inform them of the Board's position, and that the Board will consider

reciprocity once applications have been thoroughly processed. Ms. Battle stated that she has drafted this letter, sent it to Chairperson Thayer and Tommy Holder to review. Chairperson Thayer will sign today and the letter will be going out in tomorrow's mail.

A motion was made by David Cyr, seconded by Tommy Holder, and the General Division voted unanimously to accept the March 19, 2008 General Contractor Tier Committee conference call minutes.

A motion was made by Steve Cash, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Board members present: Philip Thayer, Timothy Ansley, Bob Barnard, Steve Cash, David Cyr, Mark Herbert, Tommy Holder, Allen Richardson, Edward Strain and Morgan Wheeler, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session for applicant appearances and application discussion.

The divisions separated and appearances and discussions for each division ensued.

Open Session was declared by the General Division.

A motion was made by Tommy Holder, seconded by Morgan Wheeler, and the General Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Smith, Paul L.W. (Individual) Mitcham, Wesley Lawson (Individual) Petrakopoulos, Charles George (Individual)

In the same motion, the General Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Qualifying Agent, but approve him as an Individual:

Harper, Timothy Paul

A motion was made by Tommy Holder, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Hall, Larry Charles (Qualifying Agent for Southern Enterprises General Contracting, Inc.)

Abernathy, Mark Herbert (Qualifying Agent for Reams Enterprises)

Bowen, Adam Blake (Qualifying Agent for Resource Construction Company, Inc.)

Erwin, Robert Coley (Qualifying Agent for Resource Construction Company, Inc.)

Hogan, Todd Mitchell (Qualifying Agent for Paramount Homes, Inc.)

Reams, Patrick Francis (Qualifying Agent for Reams Enterprises, Inc.)

A motion was made by Tommy Holder, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicants for licensure by examination exemption:

Hodgkins, Anthony Charles (Qualifying Agent for Hodgkins Construction, Inc.) Morely, Lynn L. (Qualifying Agent for Morely Environmental, Inc.)

In the same motion, the General Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for a General Contractor license by examination exemption, but suggest submission of a Residential-Light application:

Fatemi, Massoud (Qualifying Agent for AM & S Enterprises, Inc. dba Olympia Homes)

A motion was made by Tommy Holder, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Division voted unanimously to deny licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Trowell, Dwayne Edward (Individual)

A motion was made by Tommy Holder, seconded by Timothy Ansley, and the General Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Wynens, Stanley Marvin (Individual)

The General Division discussed New Business items.

Lisa Durden, Executive Director, asked that the General Division clarify what is meant in O.C.G.A. § 43-41-6(d) by the term "...or other proven experience deemed substantially similar by the division..." The General Division requested that these type issues be presented to them.

Ms. Durden asked if specialty projects listed on exam applications are acceptable projects for the General Contractor exam application. The General Division stated that they would accept specialty projects as proof of construction experience for the exam applications.

Ms. Durden asked if projects listed on the General Contractor exam applications needed to be completed projects. The General Division stated that projects did not have to be completed for purposes of the exam application. They felt that if the engineer or architect signed the letter regarding the applicant's work, they would be comfortable with that.

At this point in the meeting the two divisions reconvened.

Chairperson Thayer declared Open Session.

A motion was made by David Cyr, seconded by Tommy Holder, and the Board voted unanimously to post rule 553-4-.06 Licensure Requirements for an Individual Acting as a Qualifying Agent for a Business Organization Seeking to Engage in the Profession of General Contracting in the Name of the Business Organization – General Contractor Limited Tier, with the following revisions:

3(d), fifth line, strike "satisfactory proof that"

A motion was made by David Cyr, seconded by Tommy Holder, and the Board voted unanimously to post rule 553-4-.05 Licensure Requirements for an Individual to Practice as a General Contractor in the Individual's Own Name or Doing Business as an Individual in a Trade Name or as a Sole Proprietorship – General Contractor Limited Tier, with the following revisions:

3(d), end of line 3, strike "satisfactory proof of"

A motion was made by Tommy Holder, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Board members present: Philip Thayer, Timothy Ansley, Bob Barnard, Steve Cash, David Cyr, Mark Herbert, Tommy Holder, Allen Richardson, Edward Strain and Morgan Wheeler, voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session for applicant appearances and application discussion.

Open Session was declared by the Residential Division.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote ratifying the administrative approval for licensure of, and to deny licensure by examination exemption of, the following applicant:

Rossetti, Jerome F. (Light Qualifying Agent for DeLany Rossetti Construction, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve the following for further review:

Brooks, Stanley Burton (Light Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Miller, Tracy Lyn (Basic Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to not accept a Residential Basic application for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Mangham, Lewis David

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination exemption:

Benson, Michael Bruce (Light Qualifying Agent for Precision Trim, Inc.)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicant for licensure by examination:

Hill, Steven Lynn (Basic Qualifying Agent for EZ Sample Machinery, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Watford, Christopher R. (Light Qualifying Agent for Huntley Homes, Inc.)

Barfield, David E. (Light Qualifying Agent for D.E.B. Construction, LLC)

O'Bryan Jr., Douglas Foree (Light Qualifying Agent for Sparta Stone Co.)

Ammar, Tahar Tony (Light Qualifying Agent for Ammar Construction Company, Inc.)

Corbin, Raymond (Light Individual)

Lischer Jr., Alan Arthur (Light Individual)

James, Harry (Light Individual)

Mateer, Lindsey Mark (Basic Individual)

Minor, Randy Jones (Basic Individual)

Weaver, Reggie Lee (Basic Individual)

Stainton, Chad Franklin (Basic Individual)

Hendricks, Bryson William (Basic Individual)

Olin, Phillip Emery (Basic Qualifying Agent for Olin & Hollimon Homes, Inc.)

Amerson, Michael Earl (Basic Qualifying Agent for Amerson's Construction Co., Inc.)

Jones, Jimmy Darriel (Basic Individual)

Cagle, Lowell S. (Basic Qualifying Agent for Casey Cagle Properties, LLC)

Fudge, Diane D. (Basic Qualifying Agent for AHB Custom Home Builders, Inc.)

Hall, Stephen R. (Basic Qualifying Agent for Hallmark Homes of Savannah, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for the following applicants for licensure by examination exemption:

Momtahen, Nader David (Light Qualifying Agent for NDM Homes, Inc.)

Smith, Ben S. (Light Individual)

Webster, Thomas Spencer (Light Individual)

Young Sr., William Lawrence (Basic Individual)

Sheriff, David Michael (Basic Individual)

Brewer, Jack Hamilton (Basic Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential-Light Commercial Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent:

Sotoodeh, Majid (Famm Group, Inc.)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential-Light Commercial Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Individual:

# Hope, Anthony Michael

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential-Light Commercial Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent:

McCormick, Daniel J. (Highpoint Construction, Inc.)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential-Light Commercial Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent:

Stogner, Rance Jeffrey (Buffalo Creek Construction Co.)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential-Light Commercial Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Individual pending receipt of a certificate of insurance:

### Clements, John Byron

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential-Light Commercial Individual, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential-Light Commercial Qualifying Agent:

Gillis, Jason Darrell (Jason D. Gillis Homes, Inc.)

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential-Light Commercial Individual, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Individual:

# Hodges, Ronald Harry

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Individual:

Williams, Paul Jason

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Individual pending receipt of a certificate of insurance:

Planzer, Gregory David

In the same motion, the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Individual pending receipt of a certificate of insurance:

King, David Julian

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to table the following for further review:

Clark, Richard K. (Light Qualifying Agent for Leon Clark Construction Co., Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Harper, Roger Lee (Light Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following pending receipt of a certificate of insurance:

Moore Sr., Robbie Lee (Light Individual)

Moore Jr., Robbie Lee (Light Individual)

Palmer, Dennis Ray (Basic Qualifying Agent for Dennis Palmer Builder, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to table the following for further review:

Garrett, Gordon Lawrence (Basic Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve the following for further review as a Residential Basic Individual:

Hurley, Brian James

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Shafer, Robert D. (Light Individual)

A motion was made by Steve Cash, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously, with the exception of Bob Barnard, who opposed the motion, to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Wilkins, Dan Stuart (Basic Qualifying Agent for Dan Wilkins Homes Corp.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Buckley, Kevin Francis (Basic Qualifying Agent for NTEC Systems, LLC)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to approve the following for further review:

Greenhaw, Thomas E. (Basic Qualifying Agent for Custom Homes by Greenhaw, LLC) Greenhaw, Mary P. (Basic Qualifying Agent for Custom Homes by Greenhaw, LLC)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to allow staff to administratively approve complete Prior Approval Transfer Applications.

The Residential Division voted on the remaining appearances from the March 12, 2008 Residential Division Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Merritts, Johnny Todd (Light Individual)

Vinson, Randy Craig (Light Individual)

Powers, Jeffery Lee (Light Individual)

Didehvar, Ali Shahab (Basic Qualifying Agent for Magnolia Design & Construction, Inc.)

Collins, Scott Wayne (Basic Qualifying Agent for Collins Communities of GA, LLC) Colbert, Cecil Maxey (Basic Qualifying Agent for Max's Home Services, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to table the following for further review:

Jones, Carl Lee (Light Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following as a Residential Basic Qualifying Agent, but approve the applicant for licensure by examination exemption as a Residential Basic Individual pending receipt of a certificate of insurance and a bank credit reference letter:

Bedgood, Joel C. (Basic Qualifying Agent for Southern Superior Homes, LLC)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following pending receipt of an affidavit stating River Glenn is open, but no longer doing business:

Crawford, James William (Basic Qualifying Agent for Stonebrook Properties, Inc.)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to uphold the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following:

Williams III, Adolph Dale (Basic Qualifying Agent for Mountain Laurel Construction, Inc.)

Mileham, Floyd Christopher (Basic Qualifying Agent for United Signature Homes, LLC)

Parry, Jonathan James (Basic Individual)

Busing, Christopher H. (Basic Individual)

Steovich, Mark Robert (Basic Individual)

Martin, Harold Dennis (Basic Individual)

Chandler, Herman O'Neil (Basic Individual)

Hill, George L. (Basic Individual)

A motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Residential Division voted unanimously to overturn the previous vote of denial for licensure by examination exemption of the following pending receipt of a certificate of insurance:

Smith, Joey K. (Basic Individual)

With no other business for the Board to discuss, a motion was made by Bob Barnard, seconded by Mark Herbert, and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Brandi Howell, Board Secretary

Minutes Edited/Reviewed by: Lisa Durden, Executive Director